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In re Application of Deyu XIE et al. Serial No. 09/936,612 Examiner: Stuart F. Baum Filed: January 2, 2002 ) Group Art Unit: 1638 For: REGENERATION AND GENETIC ) TRANSFORMATION OF ACACIA ) MANGIUM RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT RECEIVED

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 21,

2003, Applicants elect Group III (claims 14-24 and 28-36).

Favorable action on the claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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